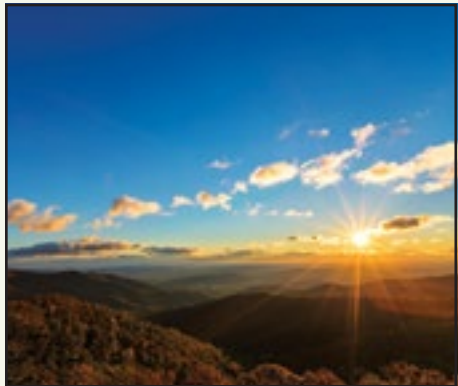




# Explore Shenandoah!



**Park Emergency Number**  
**(800) 732-0911**

Welcome! There are over 500 miles of hiking trails, 105 miles of scenic roadway, 75 spectacular overlooks, wildlife big and small, and so much more—all waiting to be discovered! Enjoy your visit to Shenandoah National Park!

**Drive**

Skyline Drive has 75 overlooks with fabulous views spaced along its 105 miles. Be sure to drive 35 mph and be on the lookout for animals and other motorists. Use the mile markers to find facilities and trailheads.

**Eat**

Dine at Skyland Resort Restaurant (mile 42) or Big Meadows Lodge (mile 51). Waysides at Elkwallow, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain serve lighter fare. All three areas and Lewis Mountain have campstores with groceries. Picnic most anywhere, but if you want a grill and table, there are picnic grounds at Dickey Ridge, Elkwallow, Pinnacles (has a shelter), Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, South River, and Dundo.

**Sleep**

Skyland Resort and Big Meadows have lodging and Lewis Mountain has cabins. Campgrounds are at Mathews Arm, Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, and Loft Mountain. If you really want to rough it, look into getting a back-country permit. Be sure you know the regulations and are prepared for primitive camping.

**Discover**

Nothing says “national park” like a Ranger Program! Discover more of Shenandoah on a Ranger-led walk or talk. Check the schedule on the back page and work a little “Ranger time” into your visit!

**Ask**

Stop at Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6) and Byrd Visitor Centers (mile 51) to talk to Rangers, get hiking maps, see movies and exhibits, and purchase maps, guidebooks, and other great stuff in the Park Stores.

**Volunteer**

Join the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) effort in Shenandoah. Visit our website or call (540) 999-3500 to find out about volunteer opportunities.

**Enjoy**

Delaware North at Shenandoah National Park manages the lodges, restaurants, gift shops, and stables. They offer a variety of entertainment. Ask about their schedule or visit them online at [www.goshenandoah.com](http://www.goshenandoah.com).

**Sense**

Get out of your car and feel the earth. Take a hike on one of the Park’s 500 miles of trails (see suggestions on page 2). Watch and listen for birds. Smell the wildflowers. Feel the mist of a waterfall. Shenandoah is a feast for the senses, and there are many ways to indulge yourself here.

**Shop**

Take home some store-bought memories of Shenandoah National Park! The Shenandoah National Park Association operates two Park Stores—one at each visitor center. Choose from a wonderful selection of books and videos about the Park, as well as postcards, note cards, and other Shenandoah memorabilia. Or find the perfect souvenir for yourself or your loved ones at a gift shop. Elkwallow, Skyland, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain gift shops offer quality Shenandoah-branded apparel, housewares, wines, and gourmet foods.

**Coming next year...**



**Your Pet in Shenandoah**

If you bring your pet to Shenandoah, keep it on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets are prohibited on the following trails:

- Fox Hollow Trail
- Stony Man Trail
- Limberlost Trail
- Dark Hollow Falls Trail
- Story of the Forest Trail
- Bearfence Rock Scramble
- Frazier Discovery Trail
- Old Rag Ridge Trail
- Old Rag Saddle Trail

**Ranger Programs**



Ranger-guided programs give visitors the opportunity to explore the wonders of the Park with a Ranger. Discover the many stories of Shenandoah's past, take a walk through the splendor of a unique mountain meadow, or learn about the many animals and plants that thrive in Shenandoah National Park. **See the back page for the Ranger Program schedule.**



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#### Accessibility

##### Lodging

Accessible overnight accommodations are available at Skyland Resort, Big Meadows Lodge, and Lewis Mountain. (877) 247-9261

##### Picnic Grounds and Campgrounds

Accessible sites are available at all Park picnic grounds and campgrounds. Accessible shower and laundry facilities are available at Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, and Loft Mountain campgrounds. Restrooms at campgrounds are accessible or accessible with assistance.

##### Information

Information or assistance is available by phoning the Virginia Relay Center at (800) 828-1120 (TDD) or (800) 828-1140 (voice) or by writing to the Park.

##### Shenandoah National Park

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#### Shenandoah Partners



##### Volunteer

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's volunteers help maintain trails, cabins, huts, and shelters. Their mission is to protect Shenandoah's 101 miles of the A.T. www.patc.net



##### Learn

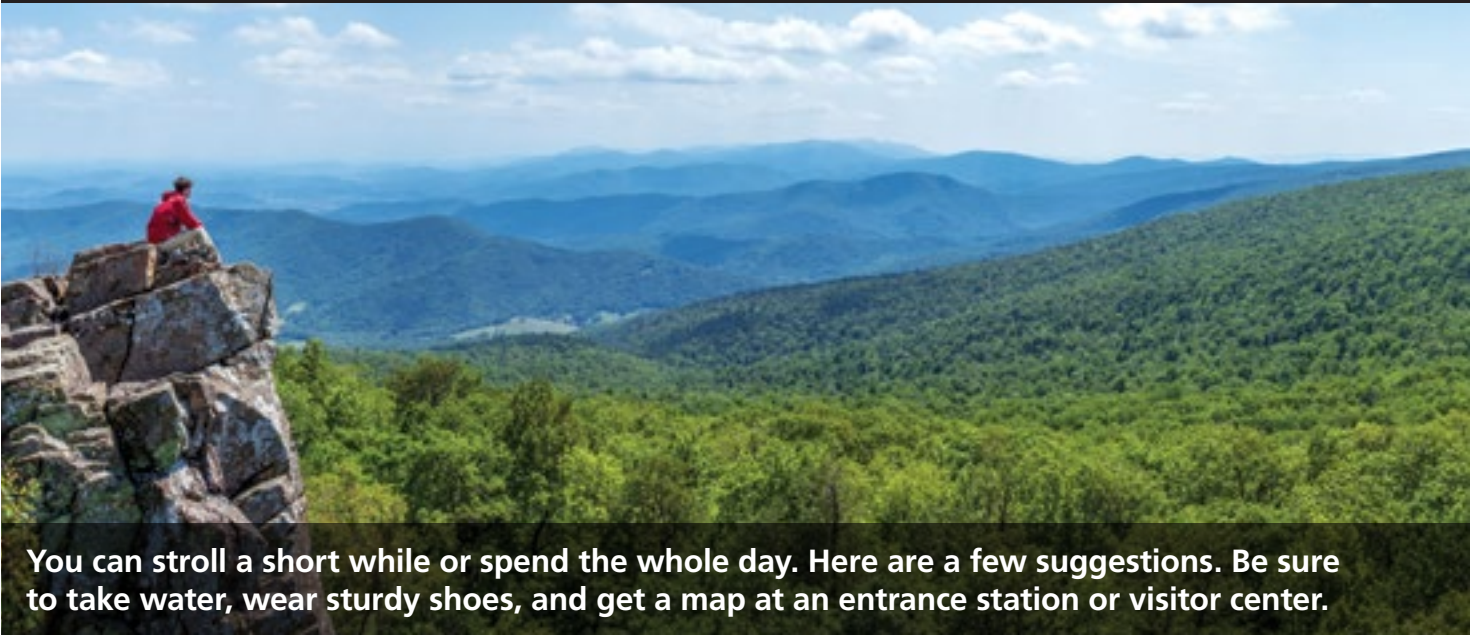
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# Hit the Trails!



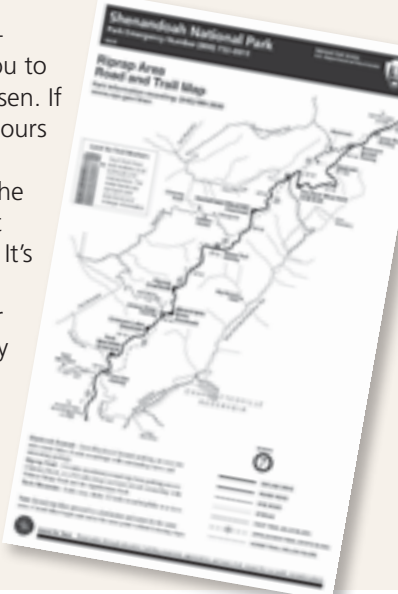
You can stroll a short while or spend the whole day. Here are a few suggestions. Be sure to take water, wear sturdy shoes, and get a map at an entrance station or visitor center.

## Some things to keep in mind to help you prepare for your hike:

**Ticks** are out there in abundance. There are several kinds of ticks in Shenandoah, including dog ticks, deer ticks, Lone Star ticks, and others. Ticks can carry and transmit serious diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Wear insect repellents that specifically repel ticks, light-colored clothing, long sleeves, and long pants with pants' legs tucked into socks. Always check for ticks after your hike. Know how to remove ticks safely.

**Maps** are important. Make sure you have a good map with you when you start out, either the corresponding handout map available at visitor centers and from the Park's website or a topographical map such as the ones produced by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and sold in the Park Stores.

**Hiking time and difficulty** – Know how long it will take you to complete the hike you've chosen. If the hike takes six and a half hours to do and you're not getting started until three o'clock in the afternoon, you're likely to not finish up until well after dark. It's always a good idea to pack a headlamp or flashlight in your backpack. Some hikes are very challenging and require substantial physical stamina. Be sure you're physically capable of doing the hike you've chosen.



## Got an Hour (or Two)?

**Mile 9.2** – Lands Run, 1.3-mile round trip, easiest, 1 hour hiking time. Lands Run is a little-known hike to a waterfall that's great to take in the spring or early summer, or after a period of heavy rain. It's also officially the shortest hike to a waterfall in Shenandoah National Park. Ask at a visitor center for directions or consult PATC map #9.

**Mile 39.1** – Little Stony Man, 0.9-mile round trip, easiest, ¼-hour hiking time. An uphill-then-back-downhill jaunt to a great view. From the Little Stony Man cliffs, you'll look out into the Shenandoah Valley, the town of Luray, and the Massanutten and Allegheny Mountains beyond. On Skyland Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 79.5** – Frazier Discovery Trail, 1.4-mile circuit, easiest—but with a bit of a climb—about 1 hour hiking time. Frazier Discovery Trail is a hike with a theme: natural succession. Take the trail to see for yourself how nature turned former farmland into a mature forest. Plus, there's a really nice view at the top. On Loft Mountain Area Road and Trail Map.

## Got Half a Day?

**Mile 22.2** – (Mathews Arm Campground) – Knob Mountain, Jeremys Run, and Elkwallow, 5.8-mile circuit, moderate, 4 hours hiking time. An invigorating hike through the woods where you can see several different forest environments and maybe some wildlife. On Mathews Arm Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 52.4** – Rapidan Camp via Mill Prong Trail, 4.1-mile round trip, moderate, 3 hours hiking time, 3 stream crossings. Avoid during flood conditions. This is a perennial favorite hike, not terribly difficult and not terribly easy. You walk through ferns and wildflowers and heavy forest, beside and three times across a stream, to Rapidan Camp—President Herbert Hoover's fishing retreat—and back again. It's fun to investigate and learn about Hoover's time at the camp, plus the hike is so pleasant and pretty. On Rapidan Camp Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 76.6** – (Brown Mountain Overlook) – Rocky Mountain Saddle, 3.9-mile round trip, moderate, 2¼ hours hiking time. This hike features a few nice views, some interesting plants and wildflowers, and intriguing geology – white Erwin quartzite. At the hike's apex, you'll emerge at the top of a talus slope where you'll be able to see part of Skyline Drive. Ask at a visitor center for directions or consult PATC map #11.

## Got All Day?

**Mile 24** – (Elkwallow Picnic Grounds) – Knob Mountain-Jeremys Run Circuit, 11.7 miles, very strenuous, 9¼ hours hiking time. A tough, long hike with quite a few stream crossings. Avoid during flood conditions. Parts of this trail are steep, but if you're physically and mentally up for this rigorous trek, you'll be rewarded with a satisfying and refreshing experience and a good workout to boot. Ask at a visitor center or consult PATC map #9.



You'll find these trail markers at all trailheads and intersections. The metal bands are stamped with directional and mileage information.

**Mile 35** – (Pinnacles Overlook) – Hannah Mountain-Catlett Spur-Hot-Short Mountain, Hannah Run-Hannah Mountain, 9.1-mile lariat, very strenuous, 7½ hours hiking time. You'll need a good topographical map with you for this hike, as it has several intersections to contend with. This area of the Park is known as Hazel Country and features an enchanting and challenging network of hiking trails through rugged, beautiful country. You could spend quite a bit of time in Hazel Country and never see the same thing twice! Ask at a visitor center or consult PATC map #10.

**Mile 82.6** – (Browns Gap) – Big Run Portal Circuit, 14.6 miles, very strenuous, 12 hours hiking time. Make sure you're physically up to this hike before setting out. Start very early in the morning on a long, good-weather day; it's a lengthy one, and will give you a vigorous workout! There are several good views along this circuit, plus you will get to walk across a boulder and talus field. You can see Austin Mountain, Lewis Mountain, and Lewis Peak, as well as fossilized burrows of *skolithos*, an ancient worm-like animal. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, in case you get caught by nightfall. Ask at a visitor center or consult PATC map #11.

# Visitor Services

## Reservations

### Lodging

Online: www.goshenandoah.com  
Phone: (877) 247-9261

### Campgrounds

Online: www.recreation.gov  
Phone: (877) 444-6777

## Gasoline

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

## Visitor Centers

**Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6**

**Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51**

Information, ranger programs, exhibits, orientation movie, Park Store.

**September 8 - October 24**

Sunday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday/Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**October 25 - November 29**

Open daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Dickey Ridge closes November 29, Byrd remains open through the winter.*

## Food/Dining

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

*Closes November 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

**Skyland Resort Dining Room**

**Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

*Closes November 29, 10:30 a.m.*

Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks. Call (540) 999-2212 for hours.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

*Closes November 29, 5:30 p.m.*

Open daily. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab'n go and full-service dining room.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

*Closes November 1, 10:00 a.m.*

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Box lunches. Call (540) 999-2223 for hours.

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

*Closes November 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Serving lighter fare. Carry-out and sit-down.

## Taprooms/Live Entertainment

**Skyland Resort Taproom**

**Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

*Closes November 28, 11:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

**Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51**

*Closes October 31, 11:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

## Lodging

**Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

*Closes November 29, 11:00 a.m.*

Front desk (540) 999-2212

Lodging varying from traditional rooms to historic cabins and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

*Closes November 1, 11:00 a.m.*

Front desk: (540) 999-2223

Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

**Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2**

*Closes November 1, 11:00 a.m.*

Registration desk: (540) 999-2255

Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available.

## Gift Shops

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

*Closes November 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

**Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

*Closes November 29, 10:30 a.m.*

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

*Closes November 29, 5:30 p.m.*

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

*Closes November 1, 11:00 a.m.*

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

*Closes November 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

## Campgrounds

**Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2**

*Closes October 25*

\$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, no trailer hookups.

**Big Meadows - Mile 51**

*Closes November 15*

\$20 - Most sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2**

*Closes November 1*

\$15 - First-come, first-served, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

**Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5**

*Closes October 25*

\$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

## Campstores

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

*Closes November 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

*Closes November 29, 5:30 p.m.*

Open daily. Camping supplies, food, groceries.

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2**

*Closes November 1, 11:00 a.m.*

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries, batteries.

**Loft Mountain Campstore - Mile 79.5**

*Closes October 25, 12:00 p.m.*

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries, batteries.

## Horseback Riding

**Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5**

*Closes November 15, 3:30 p.m.*

1-hour rides: Daily

2.5-hour rides: 8:45 a.m.

Call (540) 999-2212 for reservations and ride times.

## Picnic Grounds

Dickey Ridge - Mile 4.7, *Closes 11/22*

Elkwallow - Mile 24

Pinnacles - Mile 36.6

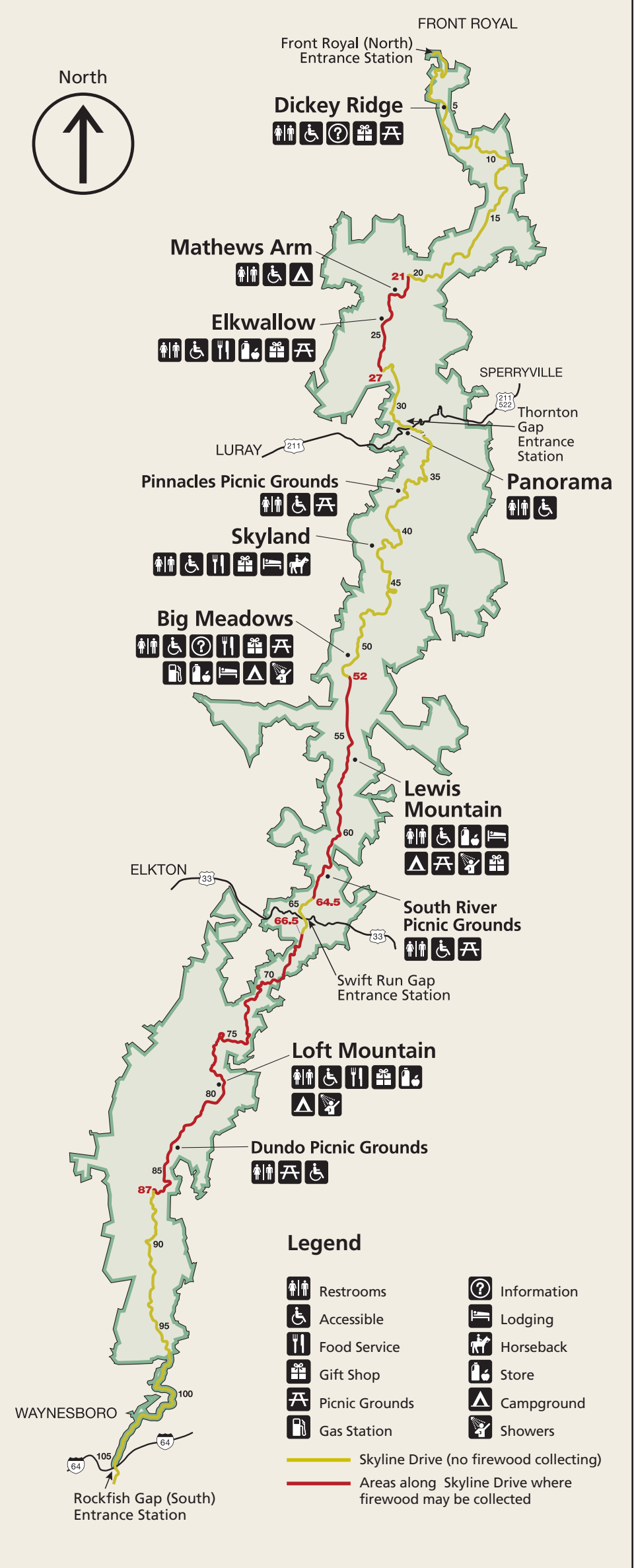
Big Meadows - Mile 51, *Closes 11/15*

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2, *Closes 11/1*

South River - Mile 62.5

Dundo - Mile 83.4

## Shenandoah National Park Map

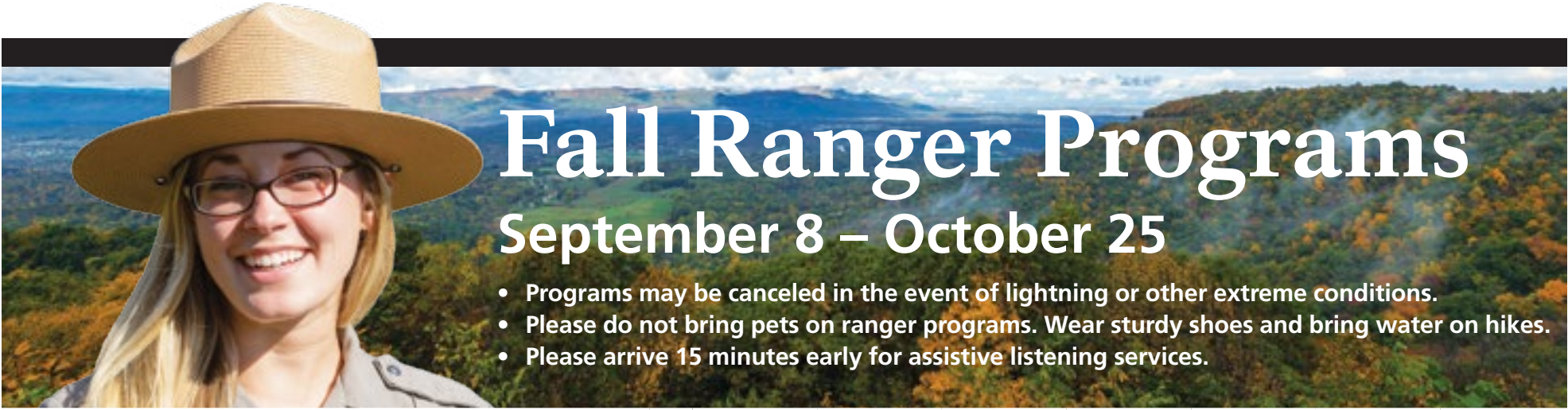


## Firewood Notice

Due to the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, visitors may bring firewood into the Park **only if it is USDA-certified**. Firewood may be collected (for use in park only):

- along Skyline Drive at the areas highlighted in red
- at picnic grounds and campgrounds except South River Picnic Grounds
- at huts, shelters, and cabins where fires are permitted.





# Fall Ranger Programs

## September 8 – October 25

- Programs may be canceled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger programs. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early for assistive listening services.

Dickey Ridge (mi. 4.6), Mathews Arm (mi. 22.2) , Elkwallow (mi. 24)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Discover Fox Hollow Trail - Explore the Fox family homestead. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, East Terrace (mile 4.6), 2 hrs, 1.2-mile hike</i>			10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Snead Farm Stroll - Discover what makes Shenandoah a unique place on this leisurely hike. <i>Meet at the south end of Dickey Ridge Picnic Grounds (mile 5), 2 hrs. 1.5 miles</i>				10:00 a.m.				
Mount Marshall Hike - Hike along the historic Appalachian Trail to a spectacular view of the Shenandoah Valley from the summit of Mount Marshall. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. <i>Meet at the Mount Marshall parking area (mile 15.9), 2 hrs, 1.5-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
Terrace Talk - Learn about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6), 20-30 minutes</i>		11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Wild About Bears - Learn about Shenandoah’s largest mammal. <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24), 20-30 minutes</i>		2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Junior Ranger Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Meet at parking area near Mathews Arm entrance kiosk (mile 22.2) , 1 hr, less than 1-mile walk</i>		4:30 p.m.						4:30 p.m.
Mathews Arm Ranger Talk - Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check at visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.5), 45 minutes</i>								6:00 p.m.
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Stony Man Hike - Stony Man has many stories to tell, both historic and natural. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hrs, 2-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Ancient Volcano Hike - Learn how volcanoes shaped Shenandoah and how geology still affects life here. <i>Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3), 2 hrs, steep and rocky in places, 2-mile hike</i>		2:00 p.m.				2:00 p.m.		
Massanutten Lodge Open House - Tour Addie Pollock’s restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland Resort. Stop in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. <i>Located at Skyland lower level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and walk uphill.</i>		3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Skyland Evening Program - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), 45 minutes</i>	 		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Birds of Prey - Meet a live raptor and learn why these birds are important. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 30 minutes</i>	 	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Meadow Walk - Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile walk</i>			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
The Wild Side of Shenandoah - Celebrate one of Shenandoah’s amazing animals at this short talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>	 	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Historic Rapidan Camp Tour - Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover’s summer retreat. <i>Reservations required (www.recreation.gov or 877-444-6777). Reservations can be made between one and 14 days in advance. Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2.5 hrs, limited seating</i>	 	1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.				1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.		10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Appalachian Trail Hike - Take a short journey on the most famous long-distance hiking trail in the world. <i>Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, 2.1-mile hike</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
Junior Ranger Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>				.		.		2:30 p.m.
Lewis Mountain Evening Program - Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.2), 45 minutes</i>							6:00 p.m.	
Big Meadows Evening Program - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes</i>	 	7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5 )		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Blackrock Summit Hike - Experience the Appalachian Trail, diverse Park habitats, intriguing geology, and great views. <i>Blackrock Summit parking area (mile 84.8), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.						.
Junior Ranger Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>								3:00 p.m.
Loft Mountain Evening Program - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 minutes</i>	 						7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.